

*Tankship* means any tank vessel constructed or adapted primarily to carry oil or hazardous material in bulk as cargo or cargo residue and propelled by power or sail.

*Transfer* means any movement of dangerous liquid or liquefied gas as cargo in bulk or as cargo residue to, from, or within a vessel by means of pumping, gravitation, or displacement. Section 13.127 of this chapter describes what qualifies as participation in a creditable transfer.

(b) The following categories of licensed individuals are established in part 10 of this chapter. When used in this part, the following terms mean an individual holding a valid license and/or endorsement to serve in that capacity issued under part 10 of this chapter.

- (1) Master;
- (2) Mate;
- (3) Pilot;
- (4) Engineer;
- (5) Radio officer;
- (6) Operator of uninspected towing vessels;
- (7) Operator of uninspected passenger vessels;
- (8) Offshore installation manager (OIM);
- (9) Barge supervisor (BS);
- (10) Ballast control operator (BCO); and
- (11) GMDSS radio operator.

(c) The following ratings are established in part 12 of this chapter. When used in this part, terms for the ratings identify persons holding valid merchant mariners' documents for service in the ratings issued under that part:

- (1) Able seaman.
- (2) Ordinary seaman.
- (3) Qualified member of the engine department.
- (4) Lifeboatman.
- (5) Wiper.
- (6) Steward's department (F.H.).
- (7) GMDSS At-sea Maintainer.

(d) The following ratings are established in part 13 of this chapter. When used in this part, the terms for the ratings identify persons holding valid merchant mariners' documents for service in the ratings issued under that part:

- (1) Tankerman-PIC.
- (2) Tankerman-PIC (Barge).
- (3) Restricted Tankerman-PIC.

- (4) Restricted Tankerman-PIC (Barge).

- (5) Tankerman-Assistant.

- (6) Tankerman-Engineer.

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### Subpart C—Manning Requirements; All Vessels

#### § 15.401 Employment and service within restrictions of license or document.

A person may not employ or engage an individual, and an individual may not serve, in a position in which an individual is required by law or regulation to hold a license, certificate of registry, or merchant mariner's document, unless the individual holds a valid license, certificate of registry, or merchant mariner's document, as appropriate, authorizing service in the capacity in which the individual is engaged or employed and the individual serves within any restrictions placed on the license, certificate of registry, or merchant mariner's document.

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#### § 15.405 Familiarity with vessel characteristics.

Each licensed, registered, or certificated individual must become familiar with the relevant characteristics of the vessel on which engaged prior to assuming his or her duties. As appropriate, these include but are not limited to: general arrangement of the vessel; maneuvering characteristics; proper operation of the installed navigation equipment; firefighting and life-saving equipment; stability and loading characteristics; emergency duties; and main propulsion and auxiliary machinery, including steering gear systems and controls.

#### § 15.410 Licensed individuals for assistance towing vessels.

Every assistance towing vessel must be under the direction and control of a